

Battlefield Reams Station Va
Aug 21 1864

To His Excellency

Governor Cony

I have with
transmit to you a short & quite imperfect
report of the situation of our Regt this morning
what it may be to night it is hard to predict
as it has been again engaged in daily
combat since my leaving it. we now
have 2 Capts 1 1st Lieut only left with the Regt
& some 40 men for duty although we hope
we may have from 75 to 100 when all the
detailed men return & all the balance
of our Officers are all taken Prisoners as we
have good reason to believe we have no knowl-
edge that any one of them were wounded
or killed. — Col Yilder, Adjt Small, Capts
Lord & Conley, Lieuts, Davis, Fitch, Broughton &
Chapman are all & all supposed prisoners
we feel to ask your favor to influence the War
Department to have us come home as
a Regt. to recruit at once for we feel
we could be of more service to the Govt. by
so doing in the end, than by still doing our
duty here with only a handful of men,
& we cordially ask & entreat your hearty
cooperation to carry out our wishes — in haste
Very Respectfully your obt Servt J. Marshall Capt 1st Regt

Capt Marston 16
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Wants you to come home.